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First Oil from Oyong Development



Santos today announced that oil production has commenced from the Oyong field in the Sampang PSC, approximately 70 km east of Surabaya in Indonesia.

After an initial ramp-up period, gross oil production rates are expected to stabilise at between 8,000 and 10,000 barrels of oil per day.

"First oil production from Oyong is an important milestone for Santos as it adds another operated project to our Asian portfolio," said Santos Managing Director, John Ellice-Flint.

"Santos appreciates the support of our Joint Venture partners and the contributions of the Indonesian Government, especially BPMIGAS and MIGAS, in helping us to deliver this project," he said.

Oil is produced via a wellhead platform with 5 oil wells and 2 gas wells, with oil processing undertaken on the Sea Good 101 production barge and then piped to the Shanghai FSO for storage and offtake.

Front end engineering design for development of the Oyong gas reserves is underway, with a final investment decision expected before the end of 2007, and first gas production anticipated in the first half of 2009. A gas sales agreement has been signed with PT Indonesia Power, with gas to be piped via a 55 kilometre pipeline to an onshore processing facility adjacent to the Grati power station in East Java.

The Wortel gas field, which was discovered in 2006, is located approximately 7 km west of Oyong and could potentially be incorporated into the gas development, subject to further appraisal which is planned for first half of 2008.

Participants in the Sampang Production Sharing Contract are:

Santos (Sampang) Pty Ltd 45% (operator) Singapore Petroleum Sampang Limited 40% 15%

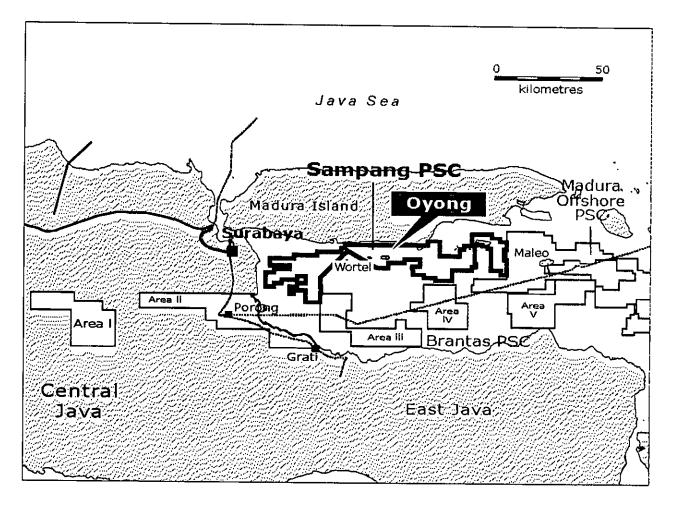
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